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VEHICLE ACTIVITY
ROUTE 6, NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS TRUCKS PARKED ALONG ROUTE 6 AT PROBABLE REST AND REFUEL AREAS.

2. COLLATERAL:

ROUTE 6, ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL HIGHWAYS OF NORTH VIETNAM, LINKS THE REMOTE AREAS OF THE NORTHWEST WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDES A BORDER CONNECTION WITH CHINA. IT EXTENDS SOUTHEASTWARD FROM THE CHINA BORDER TO HANOI VIA LAO CHAU, TUAN GIAO, SON LA, AND SUOI RUT. THIS 301-MILE, LIMITED ALL-SEASON ROUTE TRAVERSES MOUNTAINOUS TO HILLY TERRAIN. THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD RANGES FROM FAIR TO GOOD. OFF-ROAD DISPERSAL IS RESTRICTED DUE TO THE RUGGED TERRAIN. MOVEMENT IN THE MOUNTAINOUS REGION IS SERIOUSLY IMPEDED BY STEEP GRADES, SHARP CURVES, AND LANDSLIDES.

3. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING VEHICULAR ACTIVITY
ON ROUTE 6:

EIGHT TRUCKS (ONE PROBABLY CANVAS COVERED) PARKED 2.6 NM EAST OF NA BO AT 2050N 10439E. THEIR POSITIONS INDICATE THAT SIX ARE HEADED WEST AND TWO ARE HEADED EAST.

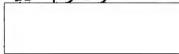
APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO NM FURTHER EAST ALONG ROUTE 6, 1.1 NM

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EAST OF BAN PHU MAO AT 2045N 10458E, SIX TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED PARKED OFF THE HIGHWAY AT A PROBABLE REST AND REFUEL AREA.

IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF ROUTE 6 AT 2047N 10456E AN ACTIVE TRUCK PARK IS OBSERVED, CONSISTING OF A RECTANGULAR CLEARING BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH SIDE BY A STEEP CLIFF AND SERVED BY AN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO ROUTE 6. EIGHT CARGO TRUCKS AND THREE TRAILERS ARE OBSERVED WITHIN THE TRUCK PARK. THREE CARGO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED FIFTY YARDS SOUTH OF THE PARK POINTED WEST ON ROUTE 6 AND THREE CARGO TRUCKS (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) ARE OBSERVED EAST OF THE PARK POINTED IN AN EASTWARD DIRECTION.



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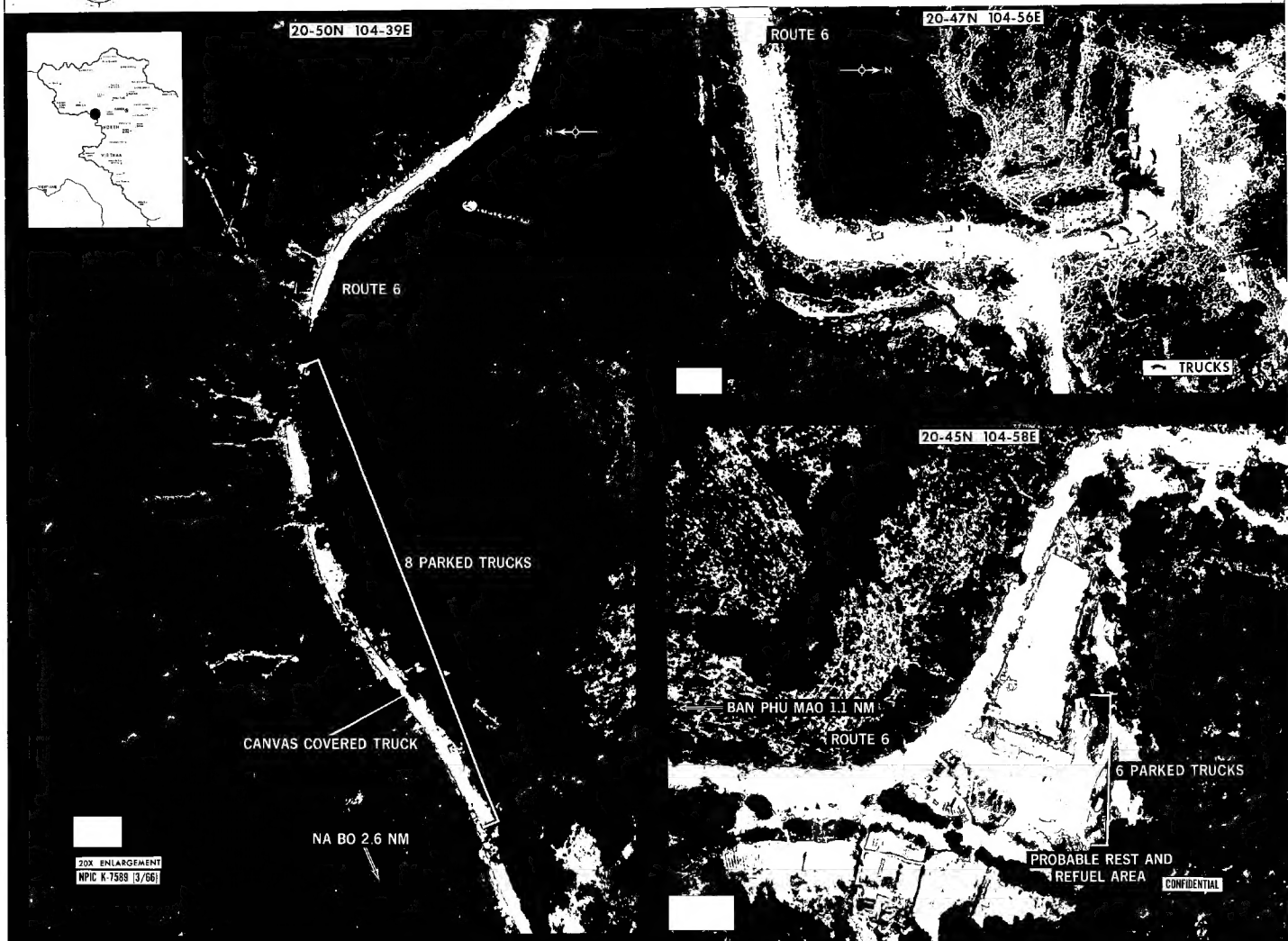
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